

REMARKS

No new matter is introduced by the foregoing amendments.

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application in the light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Independent Claim 1 is amended so as to include the features set forth in Claims 4 and 40. Claims 2-4, Claim 7, Claims 10 and 11, Claims 14 and 15, Claims 18 and 19, Claims 22-40, Claims 43-45, and Claims 48-50 which depend from Claim 1 either directly or indirectly, are cancelled. Independent Claim 51 is amended so as to include the features set forth in Claims 54 and 90. Claims 52-54, Claim 57, Claims 60 and 61, Claims 64 and 65, Claims 68 and 69, Claims 72-90, Claims 93-95, and Claims 98-100 which depend from Claim 51 either directly or indirectly, are cancelled.

Specification:

The Examiner indicated in the Official Action that the specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. The Examiner requested the Applicants cooperation in correcting any errors of which Applicants may become aware in the specification. Pursuant to the Examiner's request, the Applicants have checked and amended the specification as described above.

Claim Objection:

The Examiner indicated in the Official Action that Claims 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 58, 59, 60, and 61 are objected to because of informalities. More specifically, in the last line of Claim 1, "space" should be "spaces" and in line 2 of each of the other listed claims, "flame" should be "frame". Claim 1 has been amended to change "space" to --spaces-- and Claims 8, 9, 58, and 59 have been amended so that "flame" is changed to --frame--. Accordingly, it is believed that this objection is overcome by the amendments to Claims 8, 9, 58, and 59.

35 USC 112, First Paragraph:

The Examiner rejected Claims 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25-27, 29-31,

34, 35, 37-39, 60, 61, 64, 65, 68, 69, 72, 73, 75-77, 79-81, 84, 85, and 87-89 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirements. As described above, those claims have been cancelled.

35 USC 102(b) and 102(e):

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 51 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pinkos et al. (US 6,351,994). Also, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 4, 8, 16, 51, 54, 58 and 66 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ventura et al. (WO 03/008227 A1). However, the Examiner indicated that Claims 5, 6, 20, 40-42, 46, 47, 55, 56, 70 and 90-92 contain patentable subject matter. As described above, Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of Claims 4 and 40 and Claim 51 has been amended to include the features of Claims 54 and 90. Therefore, Claim 1 and 51 are in condition for allowance.


Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 21, 41, 42, 46 and 47 depend from Claim 1 either directly or indirectly, and thus include all of the features of Claim 1. Therefore, those claims are also in condition for allowance. Claims 55, 56, 58, 59, 62, 63, 66, 67, 70, 71, 91, 92, 96 and 97 depend from Claim 51 either directly or indirectly, and thus include all of the features of Claim 51. Therefore, those claims are also in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in the light of the foregoing amendments and remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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